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INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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BHARTENDU PURASKAR YOJANA
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the time since when the `Bhartendu Puraskar Yojana` was launched by the Publications Division to encourage writing in official language Hindi and the objectives thereof.

(b) the rules for constituting the Selection Committees for this award and the qualifications of the present members; and

(c) the measures being taken for proper restructuring of these Selection Committees?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

a): The Bharatendu Harishchandra Awards were instituted in the year 1983 to encourage original writings by Indian authors in Hindi on the subject of journalism and mass communication. From 1992, books/manuscripts written on national integration, women problems and children literature were also included.

(b) & (c): Four separate Evaluation Committees are constituted, one for eachsubject referred to in (a) above. Each Evaluation Committee consists of 5 members who are eminent scholars/personalities. The Director, Publications Division is the Member-Secretary of the Committees. The Chairman of each Committee is selected by the members from among themselves.